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Re: Bill 11 CD 1

5/7/12

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Bill 11 CD 1 to prohibit commercial activities and tour buses at Kailua and Kalama beach parks.

I am strongly opposed to tour buses in these parks. Indeed, I feel that they are the epitome of the problem with mass tourism: Take a beautiful, relatively uncrowded place, dump a whole bunch of people on it all at once (and day after day), and essentially ruin much of what made it appealing in the first place - to both tourists and locals.

This is not a 'locals versus visitors' issue. This is a quality of life issue, a quality of place issue, and an issue of balance. I, for one, am happy to share the beauty of Kailua and her beaches with visitors, but Kailua is not - nor should it ever be - Waikiki! Small-scale tourism and individual visitors are fine, but these giant, multi-colored mass tour buses in Kailua's beach parks are just not right.

As far as other commercial activities, I have nothing against provisions that would allow a single-permit vendor at the Kailua beach park pavilion for concessions and limited/regulated ocean activities. However, if the only way to get the buses out is to totally ban the commercial vendors, then I am more than happy to support that.

On a side, but directly related, note, I do hope provisions are being made to prevent the commercial vendors from simply relocating their businesses to the side streets of Lanikai and Kalaeo Avenue. Otherwise, they probably will!

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Mahalo nui loa,
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